HYUUU (WHOOSH)

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THEY MUST BE SO COLD, SITTING OUT THERE IN THIS WEATHER...

YOU SAID IT...

ゴゴゴ GOGO (RUMBLE)

GO GO GO GO GO GO

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I'VE KNOWN THIS GIRL, TAKANE ENOMOTO, FOR A FEW MONTHS...

NGH...

DAMN.

WE'VE BEEN PLAYING HERE IN THE COURTYARD ALMOST EVERY DAY.

I'VE NEVER PLAYED ANY VIDEO GAMES BEFORE...

...BUT THERE'S SO MUCH DEPTH TO THEM, I GOT TOTALLY ADDICTED.

STILL, THOUGH...

BUTSU

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THIS IS TOTALLY NUTS...

BUTSU

BUTSU (MUTTER)

ZO (SHUDDER)

WHY AM I GETTING PUSHED AROUND SO MUCH?

I'M NOT PLAYING THAT BADLY...

PERFECT

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HAAHooo

TAKANE 1858000

HARUKA 2345100

...WHY AM I...

...GETTING SO GOOD AT THIS?

I'M PLAYING LIKE SOME KINDA PRO TODAY...

BUT IF I KEEP WINNING, WHAT'S SHE GONNA SAY TO ME...?

GIRI (GRIND) GIRI GIRI GIRI

ビク BIKU (SHIVER)

OH CRAP...

BETTER NOT ATTACK TOO MUCH...

KACHA (TAPPA)

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KACHA

KACHA

You win!

KACHA KACHA

WHEW!

KURURI (TWIRL)

MAN, TAKANE, YOU'RE A REAL POWER-HOUSE, AREN'T...

OOPS! GUESS I LOST AGAIN!

...YOU...?

GIRO (GLARE)

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WHA ...!?

YOU KNOW I'D NEVER DO THAT!

AW, COME ON!

YOU'RE JUST REALLY GOOD, TAKANE!

GO (RUMBLE) GO

GO

YOU...

YOU LET UP AT THE END, DIDN'T YOU?

GO

GO

JI (STARE)

HARA (SWEAT)

HARA

GUESS SO, HUH?

I MEAN, YOU'VE ONLY BEEN PLAYING GAMES WITH ME FOR A FEW MONTHS.

LOSE TO YOU? NO WAY!

UH...

RIGHT! YEAH!

NO WAY I COULD EVER BEAT YOU, TAKANE.

I CAN BARELY EVEN KEEP UP.

WELL, I'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR YEARS LONGER, IS ALL.

OBVIOUS, ISN'T IT?

BUT STILL ...

BRRR...

...STARTING TO GET REAL COLD, THOUGH, HUH?

...IF YOU LET UP ON ME, I'M GONNA KICK YOUR ASS, OKAY?

I...

I'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND.

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GIKU (SHUDDER)

AH, STOP BITCHING.

YOU AIN'T GONNA LAST UNTIL SPRING LIKE THAT!

HUH!? WE'RE GONNA DO THIS UNTIL SPRING!?

WELL, YEAH. DUH!

SKIP GAMING FOR JUST ONE DAY, AND YOU START LOSING YOUR SKILLS.

HERE, ONE MORE MATCH.

AW, MAN...

YEAH, IT IS WINTER AND ALL.

JUST GOTTA PUT UP WITH IT.

I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THE RULES OR WHATEVER, BUT WE CAN ONLY GAME OUT HERE.

YEAH, BUT BUNDLED UP LIKE THIS TO PLAY OUTSIDE...

WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO'D GO THIS FAR, HUH?

HA HA HA!

...SO, UM...

HFF!

HFF!

WHEN'RE YOU GETTING OUTTA HERE?

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PITA (FREEZE)

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BUT AT MY LAST EXAM, THEY SAID I'D PROBABLY BE DISCHARGED NEXT SPRING, SO...

I MEAN, IF I STICK TO MY MEDS, I ALMOST NEVER HAVE ANY ATTACKS...

I'VE BEEN HERE ALL THIS TIME ON ACCOUNT OF MY GRANDPA'S WORRYING MORE THAN ANYTHING.

I GOT A LOT MORE GAMES AND STUFF OVER AT MY HOUSE TOO.

OH!

YEAH...

IF WE BOTH LEFT, WE COULD PLAY AGAINST EACH OTHER WITHOUT GOING TO ALL THIS TROUBLE.

N-NO! NOT AT ALL!

I THINK THAT'D BE FUN TOO!

WHAT'S WITH THAT REAC-TION?

NOT SO INTERESTED IN GAMING ONCE YOU'RE DIS-CHARGED?

...SO I DON'T WANNA DISAPPOINT YOU, THINKING TOO FAR AHEAD...

...I DON'T KNOW WHEN I'LL BE DISCHARGED ...

IT'S JUST...

OW!?

BOSU (WHAP)

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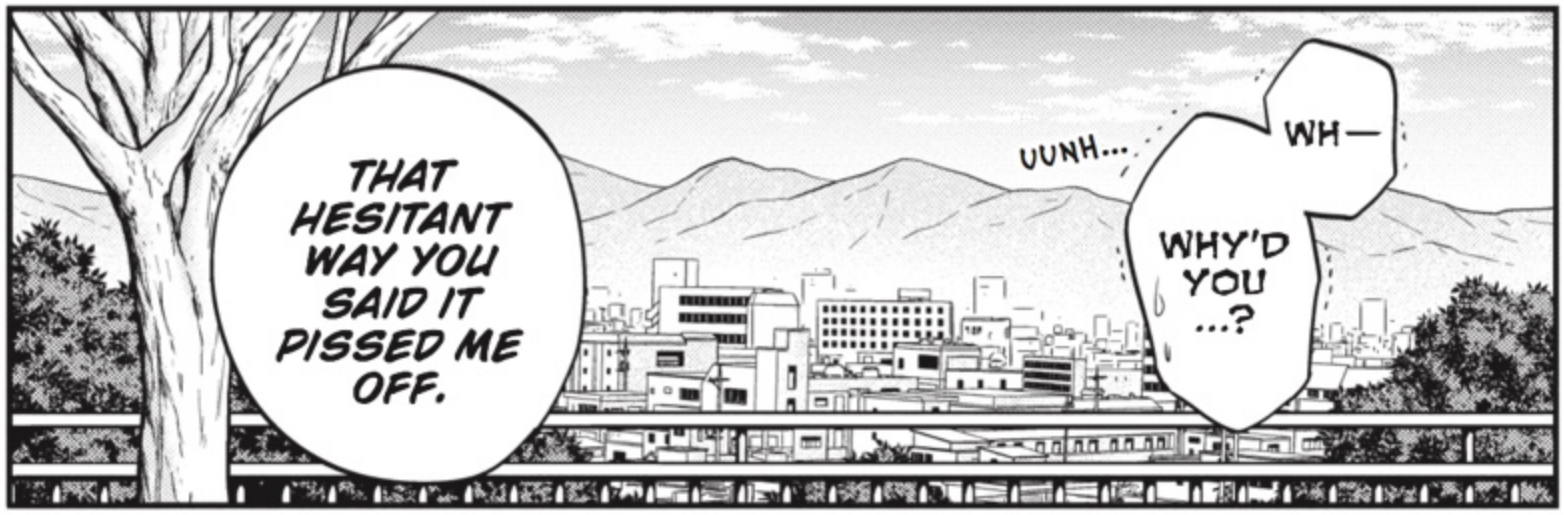

IF YOU PROMISE TO PLAY WITH ME, I'M NOT GONNA SWEAT THE DETAILS THAT MUCH.

BESIDES, WE'RE FRIENDS AND ALL.

YOU'RE ...

...A GOOD FRIEND TO ME, TAKANE.

TAKANE ...

OR WAS I THE ONLY HALF OF THIS BENCH WHO THOUGHT SO?

...NO.

GREAT!

SHIN (SILENCE)

...UM...

OH!

RIGHT, RIGHT.

LET'S KEEP IT GOING TILL DARK!

UGH, ENOUGH OF THIS STUPID TALKING!

SA (WHISK)

WHOA, HANG ON...

I'M ALMOST OUT OF CHARGE!

WHAA !?

JUST KEEP IT GOING! USE YOUR WILL-POWER!!

"FRIENDS" ...

WHEN TAKANE SAID THAT...

...MAYBE SHE DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING SPECIAL BY IT.

DECEMBER

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BUT FROM THAT DAY...

...AS THAT WORD STARTED SETTLING INTO MY HEART...

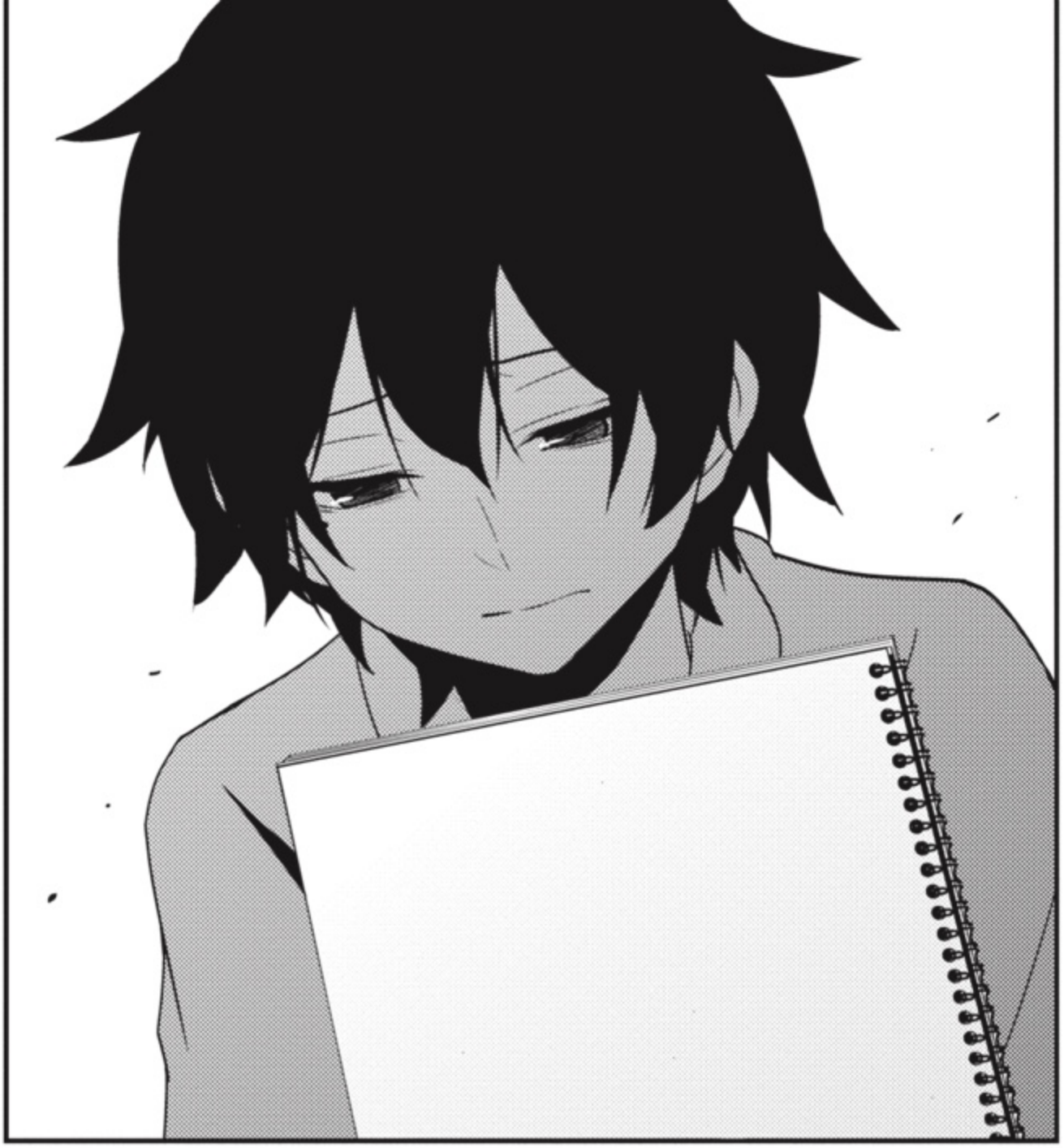
...SLOWLY BUT SURELY...

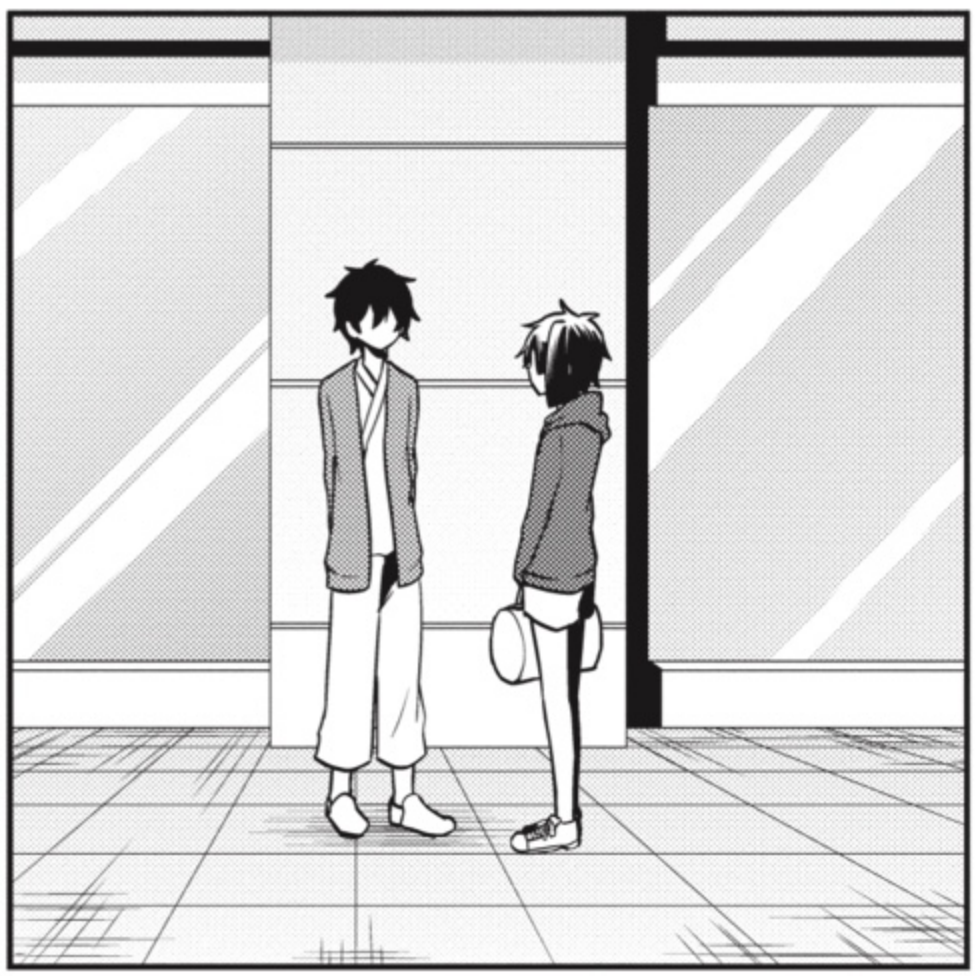
...I BEGAN HAVING FEELINGS I NEVER SHOULD HAVE FORGOTTEN.

BA (HIDE)

I FELT LIKE I WANTED TO LIVE.

AND THAT FEELING ONLY CONTINUED TO GROW.





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WELL YEAH, AFTER ALL THE TIME WE SPENT TOGETHER!

WHY'RE YOU ACTING ALL DEPRESSED?

YOU'RE GONNA BE LONELY WITHOUT ME, HUH?

WELL, DON'T WORRY. I'LL STOP BY TO HANG OUT A LOT.

GOSO (RUSTLE)

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SU (SSK)

NOT LIKE ANYONE ELSE I KNOW IS WILLING TO GAME WITH ME OUTSIDE.

MAKE SURE TO PRACTICE, OKAY?

DON'T GET ALL WEAK ON ME.

...OKAY.

DON'T WORRY. I'LL STOP BY TO HANG OUT A LOT.

WELL, SHE'S GONE...

GAKO (CLUNK)

BATA (FLAIL) BATA

...I REALLY HOPE I DO GET TO SEE HER AGAIN.

I SAID, QUIT BANGING ME AGAINST THE WALL!

BE A LITTLE MORE CAREFUL WITH ME, DUDE!

WHY DON'T YOU JUST SHUT UP!?

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO GOT HIMSELF HURT SO BAD BY FALLING OVER NOTHING AT ALL!

HERE'S YOUR ROOM.

KYU (SQUEAK)

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